

**FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2004**

**S. R. NO. 14-26**

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**A SENATE RESOLUTION**

Extending congratulations and appreciation to Juan S. Reyes, Chairman of the Northern Mariana Islands Republican Party for his professional dedication and untiring efforts to secure membership for the NMI Republican Party at the national level, and to encourage other local political parties to seek similar national recognition.

1           WHEREAS, for over a decade the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
2 Islands has sought representation at the national level in the form of a nonvoting delegate  
3 to the United States House of Representatives; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Juan S. Reyes, newly elected Chairman of the NMI Republican  
5 Party, has been cognizant of this objective in his untiring efforts to seek local party  
6 recognition within the national party; and

7           WHEREAS, on the 2nd of September, 2004, during the Republican National  
8 Convention held in New York City, New York, the strong and able leadership of Juan S.  
9 Reyes was brilliantly and successfully displayed when, having made his presence known  
10 at the Convention, Mr. Reyes lobbied vigorously among the delegates to include the NMI  
11 Republican Party as a full fledged member of the Grand Old Party by amending rules  
12 13(a)(2), 13(a)(4) and 26 of the Rules of the Republican National Committee; and

13           WHEREAS, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives  
14 announced the inclusion of the Northern Marianas, thereby giving the NMI Republican  
15 Party a stronger voice in the Republican National Committee, by allowing the NMI  
16 Republican Party to vote in the Republican Primary for its candidates for President and  
17 Vice President and for allowing input during the formation of the Party's platform so that

1 the CNMI may raise such desires as a vote for the President of the United States and to  
2 have a voice in the United States Congress; now therefore

3 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate, Fourteenth Northern Marianas  
4 Commonwealth Legislature, that the Senate hereby extends appreciation to and  
5 commends Juan S. Reyes for his outstanding work in securing national recognition for  
6 the local Republican Party; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate hereby encourages the leadership  
8 and members of other local parties to strive for national recognition, for such recognition  
9 will undoubtedly benefit the people of the Commonwealth in their bid for a nonvoting  
10 delegate to the United States Congress; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Senate shall certify, and  
12 the Senate Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution and thereafter transmit  
13 certified copies to George Walker Bush, President of the United States of America; the  
14 Honorable Bill Frist, MD, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate; the Honorable  
15 Dennis Hastert, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the  
16 Honorable Juan N. Babauta, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
17 Islands; the Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Speaker of the House of Representatives;  
18 Washington Representative Pedro A. Tenorio; the Honorable Juan B. Tudela, Mayor of  
19 Saipan; Ed Gillespie, Chairman of the Republican National Committee; Juan S. Reyes,  
20 Chairman of the NMI Republican Party; Fred Castro, Chairman of the Republican Party  
21 of Guam; Luis A. Ferré, Chairman of the Republican Party of Puerto Rico; and James M.  
22 Oliver, Chairman of the Republican Party of Puerto Rico.

Prefiled:

Date: 9/13/04

Introduced By: /s/ Sen. Paul A. Manglona